Abkari Contract to Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar.

305. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar has requested that he be given the sole contract for the supply of jaggery and cocoanut toddy arrack throughout the State, and, if so, what orders have been passed on that application?

(*b*) Is there a Government order prohibiting the grant of abkari contracts to Mr. Karayalar in the State?

(*c*) If so, will they be pleased to place a copy of that order on the table?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. The application was recorded.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), the question does not arise.

Huzur Records and Account Sections.

306. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the designation, present pay and qualification of the officer who is put in charge of the English and Vernacular records of the General and Revenue Secretariat; and

(2) the pay and designation of this officer in 1094?

(*b*) Is it a fact that this officer is also put in charge of the Account Branch of the General and Revenue Secretariat, which was hitherto under the control of the Secretary in charge of the General Section?

(*c*) If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for placing this section under the officer mentioned above, the number of hands employed under him, and the name, pay and qualification of the Superintendent in charge of that section?

(*d*) Was any increase to his pay as Stationery Superintendent granted to this officer in consideration of his being put in charge of the Central Vernacular Records or the Account Branch of the Revenue and General Secretariat, and, if so, by how much?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) (1) The designation of the officer is "Superintendent of Stationery and Records"; his present pay is Rs 200; qualification—Matriculate.

(2) Pay and designation in 1094—Sub-Treasury Officer, Alleppey; pay Rs. 120.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The attention of Government having been drawn to the confusion prevailing in the Account Branch of the Secretariat which formed part of the General Section, the Efficiency Audit Officer was directed to suggest measures for its orderly working. He suggested that the Account Branch be separated from the General Section and

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